

**MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE CHANGES TO THE CLAIMS**

3. (amended) An endoscope in accordance with [any of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterised in that the holding device has at the distal end of the fibroscope part (11) for the acceptance of the additional instrument (25) a loop (27) to engage around the additional instrument (25) and whose free length can preferably be actively modified.

5. (amended) An endoscope in accordance with [any of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterised in that a groove (49) or a holding clamp (53), on the one hand, and a corresponding rail (47) or corresponding rail segments, on the other, are provided as a holding device at the fibroscope part (11) and at the additional instrument (25), or vice versa.

6. (amended) An endoscope in accordance with [any of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterised in that at least one permanent magnet (55) and at least one counter-element (25) made of permanently magnetic or magnetic material are provided as a holding device at the fibroscope part (11), on the one hand, and at the additional instrument (25) on the other, or vice versa.

8. (amended) An endoscope in accordance with [any of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterised in that a catch element (61) and a hook device (59) are provided as the holding device at the fibroscope part (11), on the one hand and at the additional instrument (25) on the other, or vice versa.

10. (amended) An endoscope in accordance with [any of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterised in that at least one fastening hoop (29) is provided along the insertion section (13) of the endoscope and spaced from its distal end for the guidance of the additional instrument (25).

11. (amended) An endoscope in accordance with [any of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterised in that a jacket hose (31) or a side cover (45) is provided at the fibroscope part (11) as a holding device for the acceptance of the additional instrument (25), said jacket hose (31) or side cover (45) extending along the whole insertion section or along a part of the insertion section (13) of the endoscope.

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14. (amended) An endoscope in accordance with [any of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterised in that the cross-section (43) of the insertion section (13) is matched to the body orifice (41); and/or in that the endoscope is formed as a pharyngo-oesophago-gastroscope for the examination of the pharynx, oesophagus and/or stomach, wherein the cross-section (43) of the insertion section (13) is matched to the cross-section of a human meatus of the nose (41).

15. (amended) An endoscope in accordance with [any of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterised in that the cross-section dimension of the insertion section (13) is larger in one direction, in particular larger at least by a factor of 1.5, than in a direction orthogonal thereto; and/or in that the cross-section (43) of the insertion section (13) corresponds to an isosceles triangle or a mirror-symmetrical trapezium, each with rounded corners and preferably with a base length of at most approximately 3.5 mm.

16. (amended) An endoscope in accordance with [any of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterised in that the additional instrument (25) is formed by biopsy forceps, an aspirator/injector probe, a pH probe, a pressure measuring instrument and/or a Bilitec measuring probe; and/or in that the maximum cross-section dimension of the additional instrument (25) amounts to at most approximately 3 mm and preferably at most approximately 2 mm.

17. (amended) An endoscope in accordance with [any of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterised in that the additional instrument (25) is provided laterally spaced with respect to the centre of the cross-section (43) of the insertion section (13); and/or in that the fibroscope part (11) and the additional instrument (25) are displaceable relative to one another by a length of up to approximately 5 cm or of up to approximately 35 cm along their longitudinal directions.

18. (amended) An endoscope in accordance with [any of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterised in that the endoscope has a Bowden cable (23) by which the endoscope can be actively swivelled in the direction of its larger cross-sectional dimension; and/or in that at least one separate light transmission passage (17) and at least one separate image transmission passage (19) are provided as the light/image transmission passages.

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